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Office Action Summary

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08/719,639

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 4, 2000

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1035 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claim

☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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1. The finality of last action is hereby withdrawn by the examiner in view of the preliminary amendment filed April 4, 2000 which is prior to the mailing date of last office action. The applicant is requested to disregard last office action.
2. The request filed on Feb. 4, 2000 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 08/719,639 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.
3. In the entire specification, the applicant is requested to provide the information regarding the serial no., title, inventor, filing date and update the status from time to time for all of the listed related co-pending applications.
4. The drawings are objected to because all blocks in Figs. 15A, 15B and 18 should be labeled with descriptive legends known in the art. Correction is required.
5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was

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made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103© and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1, 12, 23 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oberlander et al. (of record).

Oberlander et al. discloses a method, apparatus and computer program product for selectively alerting user of an incoming communication over a computer network (101, 104 and 106) by receiving an incoming communication containing an information profile (Fig. 3) identifying the source of the incoming communication, and responding to the incoming communication in accordance with the identity of the source, providing source physical address or telephone number in the information profile (see Figs. 1 and 5, col. 3, line 33 to col. 5, line 24, col. 8, lines 15-50) as in claims 1, 12, 23 and 31. But Oberlander fails to disclose the feature of including, in addition to the source telephone number, any of the first name, last name, street, apartment, city, state, country, postal code, facsimile or company data associated with the source in the user info field of the information profile. The examiner takes Official Notice that the concept and advantage of providing any of the first name, last name, street, apartment, city, state, country, postal code, facsimile or company data associated with the source in the user info field of the information profile in addition to the source telephone number are well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to include any of the first name, last name, street, apartment, city, state, country, postal code, facsimile or company data associated with the source in the user info field of the information profile in addition to the source telephone number provided from the

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teaching of Oberlander et al. since to provide additional data associated with the source in the data transmitted is well known to provide user profile update in the system database and to provide further detail information regarding source at the destination end of the communication system for improving personalized end-to-end user communication.

7. Claims 2-11, 13-22, 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oberlander et al. in view of Blonder et al. (both of records).

Considering claims 2-8, 13-19, 24-30, Oberlander et al. does not teach the generation of a notification signal, nor its association with the information profile. Blonder et al. teaches a method and apparatus for using a communication system to alert a transaction user by including a database for receiving information and storing a profile, including a processor for retrieving the profile from the database and comparing information associated with the profile, and a network, over which a notification signal is transmitted (see Fig. 1, col. 5, lines 33-47, col. 7, lines 21-39). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to modify the invention of Oberlander et al. to include the notification signal found in the teaching of Blonder et al. because of the advantage that it allows the system to be equipped with device for notifying the user and accommodates a wide variety of communication platforms, and allows the user to better control reception of incoming messages to best suit their own particular needs (see Oberlander et al., col. 2, lines 11-16).

Considering claims 9-11, 20-22, the combination of system and method provided from the teaching of Oberlander et al. in view of Blonder et al. fails to teach a notification signal as being

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an audio signal, a graphic image signal or a haptic sensor signal. The examiner takes Official Notice that the concept and the advantage of providing a notification signal which includes an audio signal, a graphic image signal or a haptic sensor signal are well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to include audio signal, graphic image signal or haptic sensor signal to the notification signal provided from the teaching of Oberlander et al. in view of Blonder et al. since the audio, graphic image signal and haptic sensor signal are known to provide the user with auditory, visual and sensible feedback to the communication system for user alerting purpose.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

McCreery et al. is additionally cited to show the feature of Internet activity analyzer in communications network utilizing information fields within the data packets transmitted similar to the claimed invention.

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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (703) 305-4377. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou, can be reached on (703) 305-4744.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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April 14, 2000



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